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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir:

An interview was held on October 31, 2007 between Applicants' representative Theodore M. Magee and Examiner Opsasnick.

Examiner Opsasnick indicated that amending claim 1 to change the phrase "the interface comprising" to "causing a computer to operate as elements comprising" would appear to overcome the 101 rejection of claim 1. Examiner Opsasnick indicated that amending claim 13 to change "a computer-readable storage medium having computer-interpretable instructions" to "a computer-readable storage medium encoded with computer-executable instructions" would overcome the 101 rejections of claim 13. Examiner Opsasnick indicated that amending claim 30 so that the preamble reads as "A computer-readable storage medium encoded with computer-executable instructions defining a grammar used in speech recognition, the computer-executable instructions comprising", would appear to overcome the 101 rejections. The Examiner indicated that although the amendments to claim 30 would overcome the 101 rejections, he would like to do further searching to ensure that claim 30 did not read on the prior art.

Applicants' representative indicated that he would make the amendments recommended by the Examiner in an Amendment After Final. Examiner Opsasnick indicated that he would enter such amendments after final to overcome the 101 issues.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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